

# Assemblyman **PAUL KORETZ**

**Forty-second Assembly District**

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## **Koretz to Convene Special Hearing on State and Local Response to Mass Layoffs**

(Sacramento) – Assemblyman Paul Koretz (D-West Hollywood), Chair of the Assembly Committee on Labor and Employment, will convene a special informational hearing of the Committee to address the state and local response to mass layoffs. The goal of the hearing will be to review the services available at both the state and local level for displaced workers in light of the recent increase in the number of mass layoffs and to explore possible ideas for strengthening the provision of these services to displaced California workers.

**The hearing will be held on March 5, 2003, from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Milbrae City Hall, Council Chambers, 621 Magnolia Avenue, Milbrae, California.**

"The working men and women of California, particularly those in the airline industry, have been hit especially hard in recent months by mass layoffs and plant closings," said Assemblyman Koretz. "As a Legislature, we have an obligation to ensure that services for these displaced workers are being delivered in the most efficient and effective manner possible."

The Committee is expected to hear testimony from representatives of industries recently impacted by mass layoffs, as well as from state and local officials on services available for displaced workers and how the state can better respond to current and future layoffs.

The Assembly Committee on Labor and Employment's primary jurisdiction includes discrimination, unemployment, Cal-OSHA, employment development, and public job programs. The Committee is comprised of the following Assemblymembers: Paul Koretz, Chair (D-West Hollywood); Gene Mullin, Vice-Chair (D-South San Francisco); Judy Chu (D-Monterey Park); Loni Hancock (D-Berkeley); Shirley Horton (R-Chula Vista); Guy S. Houston (R-Livermore); John Laird (D-Santa Cruz); and Gloria Negrete-McLeod (D-Chino).

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